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Elliott Society and Art, Charleston; Wm. Harden, Savannah; Cincinnati Society of Natural History.

A paper for the Transactions by Joseph L. Hancock, of Chicago, on the *Datames Magna*, was presented and referred to a committee to be appointed by the President.

The following communications were offered (through the Secretaries) for the Proceedings: "On the medical mythology of Ireland," by Mr. James Mooney, Bureau of Ethnology, Washington, D.C.; "On the relation of Aerolites to Shooting Stars," by Prof. Daniel Kirkwood, Bloomington, Indiana; "On the Triassic mammals *Dromatherium* and *Microconodon*," by Prof. H. Osborn, Princeton, N. J.

Prof. Cope made a communication "On the Vertebrata of the Trias of New Mexico," which he illustrated by specimens.

Pending nominations Nos. 1154-1166, and new nominations Nos. 1167, 1168, were read.

The Trustees of Building Fund presented their annual report.

A communication was presented from Dr. Brinton, Chairman of the Special Committee, appointed at the last meeting, reporting progress, and on motion the committee was continued.

And the Society was adjourned by the presiding member.

Stated Meeting, May 6th, 1887.

Present, 13 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows: Letters of envoy from Department of Mines, Wellington, New Zealand; Hong Kong Observatory; Institut Météorologique de Roumanie, Bucharest; Maatschappij der Nederlandsche Letterkunde te Leiden; Bureau des Longitudes, Paris; Meteorological Office, London; Literary and Philosophical Society of Liverpool.

Letters of acknowledgment from The Royal Society of New South Wales (122); Comité Géologique de la Russie, St. Petersburg (124); Prof. Serge Nikitin, St. Petersburg (124);

Société des Antiquaires de la Morinie, Saint Omer (121, 122, 123), and Register, etc.

A letter was read from Dr. Genth in reference to an addition to his paper on Pseudo-maple Mimetites.

Accessions to the library were reported from the Department of Mines, Wellington, New Zealand; Hong Kong Observatory; K. Akademie der Wissenschaften; Comité Géologique, St. Petersburg; Institut Météorologique de Roumanie, Bucharest; K. K. Zoologisch-Botanische and Geographische Gesellschaften, K. K. Geologische Reichsanstalt, Vienna; Hungarian Academy, Budapest; K. Preussischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, Deutsche Geologische Gesellschaft, and R. Friedlander & Sohn, Berlin; Prof. G. vom Rath, Bonn; Gartenbauverein zu Darmstadt; Naturwissenschaftliche Gesellschaft "Isis," Dresden; Oberlausitzer Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften, Görlitz; Deutsche Gesellschaft für Anthropologie, Ethnologie, etc., München; Voigtländ. Verein für Naturkunde, Reichenbach; Maatschappij der Nederlandsche Letterkunde, Flora Batava, Leiden; Musée R. d'Histoire Naturelle de Belgique, Bruxelles; Naturwissenschaftliche Gesellschaft, St. Gallen; R. Accademie dei Lincei, Rome; Société Linnéenne de Bordeaux; Musée Guimet, Institution Ethnographique, Bureau des Longitudes, Sociétés de l'Enseignement supérieur, Zoologique, Marquis de Nadaillac, Paris; Société des Antiquaires de la Morinie, Saint Omer; Literary and Philosophical Society, Liverpool; R. Astronomical Society, Meteorological Council, Diplomatic Review Office, Rev. E. W. Syle, London; Yorkshire Geological and Polytechnic Society, Halifax (England); Natural History Society, Montreal; The Canadian Institute, Toronto; Astronomical Observatory of Harvard College, Prof. Eben Norton Horsford, Cambridge; Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston; American Journal of Science, New Haven; Academy of Sciences, Historical Society, "The Forum" Publishing Co., Prof. John J. Stevenson, New York; Secretary of Internal Affairs, Harrisburg; Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore; United States National Museum, Hydrographic Office, Washington (D. C.); University of Virginia; Scientific Association of Peoria; State Histori-

cal Society, Iowa City; Impereal Observatorio do Rio de Janeiro.

Dr. Horn, from the Committee on the *Datames Magna*, reported progress, and on motion the Committee was continued.

A paper by William Blasius on "The Signal Service Bureau, its methods and results," was presented.

Prof. Cope presented MS. of his communication on the "Vertebrata of the Trias of New Mexico," with a plate.

A communication was presented for the Magellanic premium, signed "Magellan," which was referred to Council.

Pending nominations 1154 to 1168 and new nomination 1169 were read.

Dr. Brinton, chairman of the Committee appointed April 1, 1887, presented a report, and the Committee was on motion discharged.

The President reported receipt and payment to the Treasurer of \$132.43, interest on the Michaux legacy.

Notice having been given to the members that the Society would consider the subject of the sale of the French *Rentes*, constituting the corpus of the Michaux legacy, the subject was taken up and the President informed the Society that he had handed to Drexel, Harjes & Co., of Paris, an attested copy of the resolution adopted on March 14, 1887, for the sale of the said *Rentes*, and one of the forms of sale and transfer used here for selling and transferring stocks and loans and inquired whether the sale could be made in that way, and that he had also sent to them a copy of the laws of this Society. In reply they had sent a letter indicating what they by inquiry had found to be deemed necessary, which letter was then read to the Society.

The President then stated that he had prepared the following resolutions in order to meet the views suggested in said letter, and submitted them for the action of the Society thereon, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the Society authorizes the sale of certificates of 2778 *Rentes*, French 3 per cent, which the American Philosophical Society possesses in its name upon the books of

the French Public Debt No. 279,732 of Série 7, coming from the Michaux legacy.

“*Resolved*, That Frederick Fraley, President, and J. Sergeant Price, Treasurer, of the American Philosophical Society, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to make, execute and deliver under the corporate seal of the Society a power of attorney in legal form constituting John H. Harjes, of the firm of Drexel, Harjes & Co., Paris, France, the attorney of said Society to sell, assign and transfer to any purchaser thereof, the 2778 francs French three per cent *Rentes* described in the foregoing resolution, and to do all matters and things legally necessary for the sale, transfer and assignment of the said *Rentes* that may be required by the French Treasury.”

The resolutions were seconded by Dr. Ruschenberger, and after due consideration were unanimously agreed to and further action thereon was ordered to be made part of the stated business of the meeting of the Society to be held on May 20th, 1887, of which due notice shall be given to the members.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.

Stated Meeting, May 20, 1887.

Present, 38 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Dr. W. H. Wahl was presented to the Chair and took his seat.

Correspondence was submitted as follows: Envoys, from the Hong Kong Observatory; Geological Survey of India; Naturforschende Verein in Brünn; K. Sachsischer Alterthums-Verein, Dresden; Meteorological Office, London; Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

Letters of acknowledgment from the South African Philosophical Society, Cape Town (96-123 and Register, etc.); Prof. J. J. Steenstrup, Copenhagen (124); Observatorio Astronomico Nacional Mexicano (123).

Accessions to the Library were received from the Hong Kong Observatory; China Branch of the R. Asiatic Society,